



19 January 2007

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE
Brussels/Belgium, 12 - 13 January 2007 (Fr 14.00-18.15/Sa 9.00-11.45)

MINUTES

Venue	Friday - European House of Surveyors and GeoInformation Rue du Nord 76, B-1000 Brussels Saturday – Club Prince Albert , Rue des Carmines 20, B-1000 Brussels
Participants	President Henning Elmstroem (DK), Alain Gaudet (FRA), Mark Wijngaarde (NL), Gerda Schennach (AUS), René Sonney (CH), Jean-Yves Pirlot (BEL)
Guests	Francesco Delfini (FRA), Rafic Khouri (FRA), Henri Dewasme (UBG, Fri < 17.00)
Apologies	Vaclav Slaboch (CZ)

1. Opening and Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

Welcome by CLGE President H. Elmstroem to participants in the European House of Surveyors and GeoInformation in Brussels and thanks to the local organizer Jean-Yves Pirlot.

No comments on the Agenda.

Decision: Executive Board adopts Agenda unanimously as written.

The Minutes of the Executive Board meeting in Malta have been circulated on 8 November 2006. Some items to be changed in the Minutes:

J-Y. Pirlot asks to delete "and be used for seminars, e.a." in item 2 par 3 and to replace "He announces that he" by "He announces that the CTF-EU" in item 3 par 1.

R. Sonney asks to substitute the term "native speaker" by "native English speaker" in item 4 par 3.

Decision: Executive Board adopts Minutes of last Executive Board meeting unanimously as circulated with comments and amendments as written above.

2. Reports of Executive Board members

M. Wijngaarde, Vice-President for EU relations reports about:

- CLGE participation in the FIG Congress and in the Intergeo in Munich, 8 - 13 October 2006. Report and photos see on CLGE website www.clge.eu under "Documents"
- the joint CLGE/GE reception during the FIG Congress in Munich, organized by Rafic Khouri and M. Wijngaarde. Approximately 45 CLGE and GE delegates and invited visitors participated in this event although the schedule was filled with receptions, meetings e.a. During the reception Vaidotas Sankalas, President of the Lithuanian Association of Land surveyors signed the Multilateral Accord.
- the international symposium on 9-10 November 2006 in Sofia/Bulgaria on topic of "Modern Technologies, Education and Professional Practice in Geodesy and related fields". The event has

been organized by Prof. Milev and the CLGE Vice-President gave the opening speech and a presentation about "CLGE Heading East" (presentations to be obtained from www.clge.eu/documents.html) and M. Wijngaarde was asked to chair one of the sessions. The symposium was attended by approximately 200 participants from 12 countries, most of them from the Balkan region. Great interest was from the young generation, students and professional starters, even 2 students from the Baltic countries participated. V. Teetzmann's paper "On the Road with the European Surveyor" was not presented by a speaker, but his paper is printed in the proceedings and will also be published on the CLGE website.

- his participation in the fourth GIN Symposium on 15 November 2006 in Ede/NL, which is held every two years. SPACE and the use of spatial information were the main topics in this event under the theme GEO –INNOVATION. 3 well known guest speakers in the plenary session and 4 parallel sessions with total 24 presentations formed the programme. Besides this symposium there was also an exhibition space for companies to demonstrate in small booths their services and products.
- a meeting on 7 Dec 2006 of the organization committee of the Dutch National Geodetic Congress in November 2007 in Amsterdam. He is member of the Congress committee, responsible for European contacts and networking. It is considered to inform the other European national Geodetic organizations about this Congress. One morning will be organized as a European day and one of the invited speakers is Jean-Yves Pirlot as deputy director of the Belgium NGI and CLGE Vice-President for Brussels affairs.

Disc. if CLGE should give a reception during the WW of FIG in Hongkong or not. Different statements are made. It is considered to make sense that CLGE is represented to interest groups of other regions of the world and to show the presence to our members. But costs need to be reduced to a small amount for drinks and no travel refunds at all will be paid. H. Elmstroem will announce the reception to the FIG office and organise it.

Decision: Executive Board decides to represent GE and CLGE at the FIG WW in Hongkong in a reception. Costs will be kept very low and will be co-shared between the two organisations.

Reports by Vice-President **A. Gaudet** see under item 8 and by **J-Y. Pirlot** see under item 4 and 5.

Secretary-General **G. Schennach** reports about

- INSPIRE Directive and Directive on Services in the Internal Market. Both have been adopted by the European Council and the European Parliament recently. Members need to be active in the transposition of the Directives into national law. A common INSPIRE day by CLGE and EuroGeographics in spring 2007 might be helpful and promote contribution by the professional associations to the process. Members need to be enhanced to talk to their governments to underline their position. The issue will be discussed in the EuroGeographics/CLGE meeting on 18 January 2007 in Brussels. The French intergovernmental council on GI CNIG is organizing an INSPIRE information day on 1 February 2007 in Paris in the ministry of environment.

President **H. Elmstroem** reports about the

- revised Workplan 2005-2007, which has been circulated for comments on 9 Jan 2007. R. Khouri comments on page 2 par 3 (EU Relations) in the text "combined Task-Force CTF-EU" to mention GE as partner. On page 7 par 1 he proposes to mention the MoU between UBG, GE and CLGE about the Brussels office and on page 7 par 2 to change the text concerning co-operation between CLGE and GE.

H. Elmstroem asks all Executive Board members to submit their remarks after the meeting to him not later than 1 February 2007.

Disc: The earlier approved intentions, as brought to stage by the members during the debate in 2003, when the new Statutes were made, about making the co-operation more institutional was discussed. The Presidents (CLGE+GE) will discuss this subject in the coming election period.

3. Financial issues

Treasurer R. Sonney gives explanations to the circulated papers. He points out that all fees have been paid during the year for the first time since he was treasurer.

The expenses/provision for CTF-EU are 7000,-- € without being on the budget 2006, therefore there is a final loss of 900,--€

Decision: Executive Board adopts Accounts 2006 as presented to be proposed to the General Assembly as written unanimously.

Disc: R. Khouri asks about the MoU for CLGE, UBG and GE for the Brussels office. J-Y. Pirlot replies that this will be finished soon.

A discussion raises about handling invoices for CTF-EU, whose costs have to be shared between GE and CLGE. Transparency is of utmost importance for this cost-share model. It is suggested that the 2500,--€ for PR and Lobbying (50% of the 5000,--€ annual budget related to the second semester 2006) should be separated by the subjects. F. Delfini proposes that 3000,-- € (annual budget) from CLGE and 3000,-- € from GE for the CTF-EU are to be transferred after getting an invoice from CTF-EU to a special UBG-international-affairs account in Brussels and bills are paid from this account. It is not clear who is the responsible person for this account. As discussed and adopted in the Executive Board meeting in Paris and it is no point of discussion that M. Wijngaarde as chairperson of the CTF-EU is in charge of this money and that all financial regulations of CLGE are to be applied for CTF-EU expenditures. In this meeting M. Wijngaarde has been appointed again to be responsible of the money politically but this does not take away the responsibility of both CLGE and GE treasurers to take care of the handling. A clear description of how to proceed will be produced by R. Sonney and J-Y. Pirlot.

The payments to CEPLIS are regulated.

ESF has sent an invoice for 2006 which has been shared as agreed by GE and CLGE. The discussion about staying in ESF or not gets to the result that we should get out of ESF, as CEPLIS is a member in ESF and therefore CLGE and GE get all information from CEPLIS and are represented by CEPLIS. And the activities of ESF on the WTO level are a bit far from our immediate preoccupations. A letter to inform ESF will have to be sent in time. G. Schennach and R. Khouri will draft a letter.

R. Sonney asks about reimbursement of travel costs of A. Gaudet to CEPLIS meetings. It is agreed for 2007 that costs are shared between CLGE and GE by 50:50.

CTF-EU has to report about financial issues too.

4. CTF-EU

J-Y. Pirlot gives an overview about the second term of last year, which was a rather difficult period due to personal problems of some of its members, who are valuable contributors to the work. Furthermore the nomination of J-Y. Pirlot as deputy director general of the Belgian Mapping agency provoked also a slowing down of the activities within the CTF-EU.

- V. Teetzman presented an important paper in the FIG Congress in Munich. This paper was also tabled by M. Wijngaarde in the symposium in Sofia.
- F. Delfini had some opportunities to meet with J-Y. Pirlot in Brussels to work on a short paper about the two Directives which are interesting for us for the moment (Services and Mutual Recognition of Qualification).
- An early warning for the seminar in Lyon was drafted together with H. Elmstroem and was circulated to our delegates as well as in Belgium.

- A GE meeting about Clan public affairs was held. The question of this kind of service will be discussed later on, also with CEPLIS.
- EUROGI is now member of the EU house of Geodetic Surveyors and GeoInformation and could be considered as an important neighbouring organization.
- A meeting with EuroGeographics on 18 January 2007 in Brussels was organized. A draft of neighbouring organizations based on an earlier paper by H. Elmstroem was presented by M. Wijngaarde. The paper was an excellent background for further preparation. H. Elmstroem described a classification in four circles of which no. 1 is containing the organizations, with whom we co-operate directly – like EuroGeographics – after January 18. The other circles will describe less and less direct contacts. M. Wijngaarde will prepare the next edition (has already been circulated by the end of the meeting).
- The sponsoring letter was adapted and it was send out, but only one reaction from the Dutch Kadaster (negative) came back. C. Kiepke came up with 4 possible sponsors (BDVI, DVW, Hansa Luftbild and HKK). J-Y. Pirlot has found two possible sponsors (Star Apic indicated agreement for 2000,-- € for one year and Leica Belgium, not Leica Europe!!!!). To draw conclusions from the reactions as well as from the report by M. Wijngaarde sponsoring seems to be feasible but difficult on the EU level. We need to work on the national level with international companies and probably install a kind of rotation among the national branches. Finding sponsors needs personal involvement of some of our key-members.
- A study about ESF membership was made as asked by the Executive Board.

Disc: H. Elmstroem refers to a number of articles in magazines by V. Teetzmann, F. Delfini and by O. Schuster about the profession and H. Polly about archives. He suggests to put them together and publish them together with a foreword on the website of CLGE. H. Elmstroem will collect the papers and circulate it.

5. CLGE Sponsoring

M. Wijngaarde had a meeting with W. van Pijkeren and J. Anneveld about sponsoring. The Dutch Kadaster sent a negative reaction. J. Anneveld rejected sponsoring by Fugro as well and it seems that sponsoring is made only for activities with short term benefits.

H. Elmstroem proposes to draft a leaflet for the General Assembly in Lyon to assist the delegates to find sponsors. Board members are requested to try again to find sponsors. Personal contacts should be used.

6. CLGE Seminar 2007 / CLGE Conference 2008

Seminar 2007 Lyon

R. Khouri, the responsible organizer, reports about ongoing preparations which include the evaluation of more than 20 questionnaires about the situation in the member countries by students of one of the engineering universities. The call for papers resulted in 9 proposals for papers from BEL, GER, NL, UK, NOR, LV, CZ, 2 from FRA. We need 12 presentations to fill the whole day. H. Elmstroem proposes to get a speaker about recruiting of students from the Swedish university of Lund. M. Wijngaarde has talked to the geomatics magazine already to announce the programme. It is agreed that R. Khouri needs to fix the programme until next week for posting it on the website and circulating it again among national associations. It was underlined that the presentations must be in accordance with the general subject as described in the Minutes from the General Assemblies in Cork - "H. Elmstroem announces that the Executive Board has decided that the topic will be how to attract students. Some European countries runs short of students for the professional education..... Persons from European universities, representatives from countries with good student numbers and from countries who face problems to attract students will be invited to present".

Up to now 27 persons registered to seminar, most of them CLGE delegates. H. Elmstroem proposes that 3 persons are appointed to follow the seminar with the task to prepare a final statement. This academic group from FRA, Nordic Countries, DK will have to be appointed soon. P. Prendergast could be asked to moderate. Speakers from the EC or EP need to be addressed as well and asked to hold on the topic "The educational future in the EU".

No costs will be reimbursed to speakers, except 1 night for MEPs or EC officers and only if requested for other speakers. The participation fee for the seminar for Executive Board members will be paid by CLGE. Speakers pay no fee.

If 100 participants will take part, the result is balanced including the 7000,-- € deficit guarantee from CLGE. The expenses for the interpreters will be paid by the OGE France.

G. Schennach will send an email to the CLGE delegates to ask them to register for the seminar by the special form.

Conference 2008 Strasbourg

Recently a meeting on this topic took place in OGE. A. Gaudet will be president of this conference, F. Mazuyer will act as rapporteur general, F. Delfini as director of the organisation. The conference will be held in 3 languages (EN, FR, GER) and should attract many professionals at least from the surrounding countries. An explanation of motives has been drafted by F. Delfini – the first objective is to be better seen by the EU institutions, second to have links to the consumers and to the European citizens. We need to define our common vision for surveyors in Europe and the role of the European surveyor in the European society, even if there is a big variety of surveyors.

The possible topic is "Role of the surveyor in the European society".

Three main areas of the congress are

- high value-added technology,
- legal aspects of profession,
- the added value for consumers (Ethical codes / Code of Conduct)!

A logo and a website are in process. OGE, GE and CLGE are organizers. The date is fixed on 24-26 Sept 2008. In the next General Assembly in Lyon details of the Strasbourg Conference will be presented, teams for workshops e.a. will be drafted in the General Assembly in Luxembourg.

R. Sonney states that the figures for the conference will be required within 2007 for the budget 2008.

7. General Assembly Lyon 2007

The draft agenda has been prepared and circulated by G. Schennach and is discussed. A "Decision about further stay in ESF" needs to be inserted into the Agenda, G. Schennach will check the former decision on ESF.

Delete item 8 and leave item 16 on CTF-EU. The title of point 16 should only be "Report of CTF-EU". The table of contents will be prepared by CTF-EU.

Elections for all functions will be necessary in the General Assembly in Luxembourg. V. Slaboch has already withdrawn from his office due to his health problems. It is decided to keep the function until the elections in autumn 2007.

Next General Assemblies are planned in week 43, 44 or 45 for 2008. For 2009 Bulgaria or Cyprus, Italy and Greece will be contacted before Lyon.

8. EU, GE, EuroGeographics/PCC Working Group and CEPLIS

- H. Elmstroem reports that representatives will meet with EuroGeographics (Bacic, Lipej) on 18 January 2007 in Brussels. H. Elmstroem and J-Y. Pirlot will represent CLGE.
- F. Delfini has attended the CEPLIS General Assembly in Nov 2006. CEPLIS works on a code of

conduct for the liberal professions in Europe, at the moment mainly for the health sector. CEPLIS is very strongly involved into the EC, they take part in a lot of initiatives, especially. as the health profession is affected by several activities coming up. Mrs. Froehlinger from the DG Internal Market was guest in the afternoon. On Monday 15 January 2007 there will be a meeting with R. Kolbe, chair of WG, in London. On 28 Feb 2007 a meeting with several associations and people from EC on EU Directive on Services will take place in Brussels. A few papers are coming out of the WG on services, but they are not available. The transposition of the Recognition Directive is done by a guide. F. Delfini will circulate all documents, as well the Henssler paper in DE, EN, FR.

- EGIN (European Network for GI) will meet on 13 February 2007 in Brussels. The following topics were retained aiming to establish the overall conditions and procedures underlying the INSPIRE Directive framework, its deployment and implementation: User's needs, improving data access over the Internet, financial conditions to access data, data maintenance and training of GI professionals. It is agreed that G. Schennach will attend the meeting on behalf of CLGE and that the travel costs will be covered by CLGE.

9. Membership affairs

M. Wijngaarde had contacts during the FIG congress with Mr. Valeriu Manolache, President of the Romanian Association of private Surveyors and also Vice President of the Romanian Union of Geodesy. Romania has got the calculation chart by CLGE, since then they are preparing the Liaison group. For the Lyon or Luxembourg General Assembly meeting the delegate(s) can be invited by CLGE (special rate for the so called "starters").

The Baltic states are still missing from membership. The Executive Board meeting will be tried to be held in Lithuania in summer, it needs to be clarified that all costs are covered by CLGE.

10. Future events

- Executive Board meeting in Vilnius/Lithuania in summer 2007. Contacts by G. Schennach and H. Elmstroem to President Sankalas to clarify, if Lithuania is feasible and to inform them that CLGE will cover all costs. If Lithuania is not the venue, we will contact Prof. Milev to go to Sofia. Deadline by the end of February to know the place.
- GEOS 1-2 March 2007 in Prague. Ian Fafjeta will be asked to give a welcome address on behalf of CLGE.
- FIG WW Hongkong, some CLGE delegates will be there in any case. Reception will be organised.
- EGIN meeting 13 February 2007 in Brussels, participation by G. Schennach
- Lübeck/Germany BDVI 2007, 31 May 2007. Probably H. Elmstroem will attend the meeting.

11. Any other business

- The MOU about the handling of the financial relations between CLGE, GE and UBG will be send by R. Khouri soon.
- On JAN 18 the meeting with EuroGeographics has been settled. From EuroGeographics President Celjko Bacic and Mrs. Bozena Lipej will be there and from CLGE H. Elmstroem and J-Y. Pirlot will be represented.
- As mentioned earlier the meeting on Malta has finally been settled and will take place on 25-26 Jan 2007. Meetings have been arranged with the prime minister and 3 other ministers and with the University. The CLGE delegation will be H. Elmstroem, P. Prendergast and J-Y. Pirlot. P. Prendergast will introduce the change of the Irish educational system from a 3 year level to a master level.
- H. Elmstroem reports that O. Schuster asked in December 2006 for support by CLGE for his application to the Enterprise Policy Group in the EC. FIG was asked as well. Deadline 22 January

2007 for a supporting letter to Commissioner Verheugen about his work. J-Y. Pirlot will draft a letter and send it in due time.

- G. Schennach brings forward the same wish as by a call from Rudolf Kolbe the day before the Executive Board meeting, to get a supporting letter for the same reason. H. Elmstroem points out that O. Schuster has worked a lot on this issue during many years and it was agreed that he will be supported by CLGE.
- R. Khouri reports about a lot of surveying students who want to go abroad for training and ask for support. G. Schennach offers to use the job-exchange on www.ageo.at resp. www.zgis.at/jobs/ where a lot of offers and calls are available. There are also links to international job-services. A link to this site to be applied on the CLGE website. It was considered a brilliant opportunity to bring opportunities to the students all over Europe.
- The information about a mentorship program of FIG Com 2 should be spread to the members and will be posted on the website.
- The 7 points of the introductory speech by H. Magel to the FIG General Assembly could be used as an example for CLGE. H. Elmstroem announced that the creation of a CLGE vision will be part of the next Working Programme 2007-2009.
- A report about the Malta General Assembly is published in the Feb 07 issue of the magazine Geoinformation.

Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General of CLGE

*Enclosures: Action List
 Budget papers*

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Action list

as derived from Executive Board Meeting in Brussels, Jan 2007

- All INSPIRE documents to be sent around and to be put on the CLGE website
- A common information day - CLGE-GE-EuroGeographics - to be considered
- Work-plan HE to revise the plan according to the comments and after that to be sent to the members in due time before Lyon.
- MOU about the Surveyors house to be signed FEB 28
- Memorandum about the financial relations between that House and CLGE + GE to be made by JYP and Rene.
- List of Neighbouring organisations to be commented by everyone and to be completed by MW
- The Articles of Otmar, Volkmar, Francesco and Hans Polly to be put together and prepared for distribution and for the WEB. HE will make it like a publication with a foreword etc.)
- New members - Baltic, Slovenia, Romania - to be subject for enquiry concerning membership. We will try to get a sponsorship for covering the fee. CTF-EU will handle.
- EXB meeting Vilnius HE will contact Sankalas - If not Vilnius then Sofia
- EGIN meeting in February Gerda is participating from CLGE
- CLGE GA LYON 2007 Agenda to be revised , Status of elections reviewed.
- Coming GA venues HE will contact 1) Italy 2) Sofia 3) Greece
- CLGE-EuroGeographic meeting on Jan 18 . CLGE delegation HE+JYP
- CLGE-Malta meeting with local ministers and University CLGE Delegation HE+JYP+PP
- EPG recommendation letter to be sent to Otmar Schuster by JYP. Decision to support but no money is attached to the supporting letter. Dead Line JAN 15.
- Jobs for Students. Gerda has very interesting "job exchange" web site that could be used by all students. Links to be put on our web site.
- Work PLAN 2007-2009 A vision for CLGE will be a task in the new Work Plan

SEMINAR 2007 March 22 in LYON, Chief organiser is Rafic Khouri.

- For very early information look in the Minutes from CORK 2006
- A final program to be available before the end of next week (week 3)
- Registration checked for lack of registration for the seminar. HE to check Sweden/Norway/Denmark (has been done)
- Academic group to prepare end statement to be formed (FRA, Nordic Countr., GER, Paddy)
- Paper given by a student?
- Title of eventual lecture from EU : "The Educational future for EU"
- General remark: We are in a hurry about the seminar

Conference 2008 in Strasbourg (CLGE-GE-OGE)

- Head line "Roll of the Surveyor in the European Society"
- Subdivision 1)Technology 2)Legal Aspects, Value adding in relation to the consumer (not prioritised) / Logo under construction
- Early Warning to be sent not later than June 2007
- CLGE GA Autumn 2008 to be moved end of week 44 (depending on Holiday in Poland) , or end of week 45